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	10/072,396	BAILEY ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 April 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 34,37,38 and 41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 34,37,38 and 41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 34, 37, 38 and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lum et al (US Patent 6,065,041), hereinafter Lum.

Regarding claim 34, Lum teaches the use of original equipment manufacturer (OEM) graphical user interface (GUI) software, for use in an embedded device, at col. 1, line 61 through col. 2, line 10 that instantiates a preconfigured list manager (the Console Application Programming Interface [CAPI] of col. 3, lines 12-27 and 48-56). Furthermore, Lum teaches receiving selections from the OEM GUI software to determine the configuration and the appearance of a displayed list (see col. 4, lines 26-42; with support for list displays at col. 13, lines 10-14), accessing a generic data source that contains one or more list items (the storing of interfaces in a system database at col. 3, lines 28-36, with further accessing by the CAPI at col. 8, lines 29-39), populating the displayed list with the items from the generic data source according to one or more scrolling events received (taught as the client/server style interface updating of col. 10, lines 48-53), wherein the OEM GUI software is configured independently of the one or more media (the system database of col. 3, lines 28-36), and wherein the instructions are executable on different computing platforms and in different applications to provide the displayed list (taught as the cross platform/application functionality of col. 7, lines 55-63).

Regarding claim 37, Lum teaches an embedded computer system (col. 1, line 61 through col. 2, line 10), comprising a computer processor, a display communicatively coupled with the computer processor, a memory communicatively coupled with the computer processor (as seen in Figs. 2-3, and at col. 3, lines 28-62), the memory capable of storing an OEM selected application to be executed by the computer processor (col. 1, line 61 through col. 2, line 10), a data source locally accessible to the OEM selected application (taught as the local implementation of the architecture of Lum, at col. 3, lines 64-67), an OEM provided software that selects a configuration and an appearance of a list of data items from the data source to be presented on the display (col. 4, lines 26-42; with support for list displays at col. 13, lines 10-14), wherein the OEM-provided software instantiates a preconfigured list manager (the CAPI of col. 3, lines 12-27 and 48-56), the list manager capable of providing an interface between the data source and list (taught as the Console Application Programming Interface (CAPI) **201**, parameter manager **203** and Interface Code Interpreter **202** of col. 3, lines 28-47), receiving the configuration and the appearance from the OEM provided software, accesses the data source, and populates the list of data items according to the configuration and appearance (inherent in the CAPI, as it is the communicative medium between the backend and display), and wherein the list manager is capable of residing on various systems using various computing platforms and wherein the list manager is capable of being added to various applications (taught as the cross platform/application functionality of col. 7, lines 55-63).

Regarding claim 38, Lum teaches the list manager further populating the list of data items according to a scrolling event, taught as the client/server style interface updating of col. 10, lines 48-53, that includes user requested interface changes, such as scrolling events.

Regarding claim 41, Lum teaches instantiating a list manager by an OEM selected application, that is capable of residing on various systems using various computing platforms (taught as the OEM client communicating with the server-side CAPI, allowing for the use of the CAPI across multiple platforms, at col. 8, lines 19-39), and configuring a display of a list by the list manager by receiving configuration and appearance of the list from the OEM selected application (see col. 4, lines 26-42; with support for list displays at col. 13, lines 10-14), accessing a generic data source to obtain items for inclusion in the list (col. 3, lines 28-36), and populating the list using the items according to the configuration and the appearance (taught as the sending of a "screen" from the CAPI back to the client, at col. 3, lines 12-23).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 16 April 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In the telephone interview of 6 February 2007, the examiner and Applicant agreed that further claiming the "list manager" as disclosed in the specification would be suitable to overcome the rejection of record. However, Applicant has failed to claim the list manager in such a way as to differentiate the workings of the claimed list manager from that of the CAPI found in Lum, which has been shown above to teach the claimed receiving, accessing and populating steps, while remaining platform independent. As the CAPI of Lum teaches the same functionality as the claimed list manager, the examiner contends that the CAPI and list manager are analogous for the purposes of the rejection above.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Roswell whose telephone number is (571) 272-4055. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 - 6:00 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached on (571) 272-4048. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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